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In re Patent Application of:
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AMENDMENT (SUBMISSION)

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Dear Sir:

Prior to issuance of a further Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Reconsideration of the above-identified U.S. patent application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	4	- 28* =		X	0.00
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